

## INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

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\_\_\_\_\_ does not admit or employ persons with untreated infectious disease. Screening for serious infectious diseases, such as tuberculosis or blood borne pathogens, will be conducted as recommended by OSHA, Department of Mental Health or the consumer's physician. Infections that arise after residence is established are referred to the person's physician for timely, effective treatment. Due to the fragile health status of most \_\_\_\_\_ consumers, control of infections is a serious and diligent effort.

Many changes have occurred over the past 20 years in the management of infectious disease. \_\_\_\_\_ utilizes the control measures outlined in Infection Control in Long Term Care Facilities with an Emphasis on Body Substance Precautions as applicable to our agency. This information may be viewed in it's entirety at the Health and Senior Services website under the heading of Guides/Standards [Body Substance Precautions \(BSP\)](#) is more comprehensive in glove use than but consistent with Universal Precautions for Healthcare Workers see: OSHA [Laws and Regulations](#).

BSP considers all secretions, excretions, mucous membranes and non-intact skin as infectious, regardless of the person's diagnosis and is based upon the premise that many infections can be active and transmissible, yet manifest no symptoms. BSP provides a common sense approach since it is event driven and can be easily understood by staff, residents and family. Even though control of infection is stressed, direct care staff members are cautioned to carry-out control measures in an inconspicuous manner maintaining the least "clinical" appearance possible. Fundamental to any infection control program is effective handwashing. The procedure for washing ones hands is included in the infection control measures.

Training in Infection Control Measures is provided to staff as a part of the orientation process. Instructional materials and films are also available upon request through the Rolla Regional Center and are also available on a 24-hour basis at the above mentioned websites.

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